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Sir:

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The relevancy of all the documents identified on the International Search Report that was established in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/011129, of which this application is the U.S. national stage, is evident from review of the International Search Report which is appended hereto.

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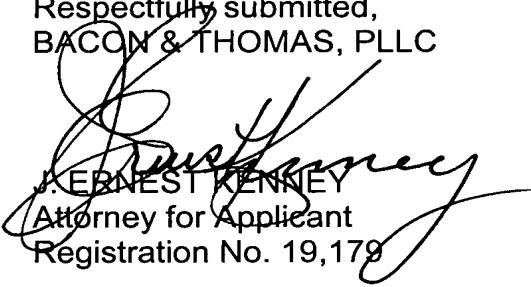
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